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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO FRENCH PRESIDENT, VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING:
2. BEGIN TEXT: "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF JANUARY 21, AND FOR YOUR KIND WISHES ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE. I HOPE THAT OUR EXCHANGES, WHICH HAVE BEGUN SO WELL, WILL GROW IN NUMBER AND SUBSTANCE IN THE COMING MONTHS AS WE WORK TOGETHER ON THE MANY COMMON ISSUES BEFORE US, I FEEL MOST STRONGLY THE NEED FOR CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR MEETING WITH GREAT ANTICIPATION. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER".  
END TEXT.

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3. FYI: THE TEXT OF GISCARD'S MESSAGE IS AS FOLLOWS: "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM PLEASED TO OFFER MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. I EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE,  
THANKS TO THE VISIT OF MR. MONDALE, TO INITIATE THE CLOSE  
RELATIONSHIP THAT I HOPE WILL DEVELOP BETWEEN OUR TWO  
GOVERNMENTS." END TEXT.

4. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THIS  
EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF THE RECIPIENT  
WISHES TO DO SO.  
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